

15. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any of claims 11 to 14] claim 11,  
[characterised by] further comprising transmitting the same number of sub-carriers in both an  
upstream and down stream direction.

16. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any of claims 11 to 14] claim 11,  
[characterised by] further comprising transmitting a different number of sub-carriers in the an  
up stream and down stream direction.

REMARKS

This is a preliminary amendment in which the claims have been amended to place  
them in better form before initial examination by the Examiner. Favorable action is hereby  
earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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